

Utah historian leaves mark on many texts — and in my heart

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PROVO — More years back than I can precisely remember, I was asked to do a story on early Utah history for one of the first issues of BYU Studies. It was presumptuous on my part, and trusting on the part of then editor Clinton Larson. He had at hand at least a score of experts on a professional level who were far better than I.

But I think he suffered from the same thing I did. Everything was so new and startling in early Utah history that I thought I had discovered it. New things do that to you. When I went to Alaska in 1936 I thought I had discovered a new territory.

I was just getting started then in a hobby that became an avocation. I had no degrees in history and still don't. Being a college dropout, I had no degree in anything.

But I wrote a story. It was presumptuous, and dealt with long-known information as if I had just uncovered it in some ancient manuscript.

Clinton Larson gave it to Eugene E. Campbell to critique. I had never heard of him. No one could have been more kind, patient and tolerant. He gently pointed out in margin notes that the story really contained nothing new and was taught, plus a lot more, in any college history class.



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The story was never used. I think he tactfully pointed out to Larson that if BYU Studies was going to launch into Utah history, it ought to do it in a more scholarly and thorough manner.

But I persevered in my hobby, and as a consequence crossed paths with Eugene Campbell in years to come. We became fast friends. My files are loaded with material on early Utah history that he gave me.

I realize now his generosity came with considerable effort and more than a little expense. He never hesitated to help me with copies of whatever material he had on the subject. Much of it was his own work — he was one of the top Utah historians — but much else came from the works of others in his own files. At his recent death, I still had a book he had loaned me.

They held Gene Campbell's funeral the other day. The huge Oak Hills Stake Center chapel was filled, and services were delayed while more chairs were brought in.

He was 70, the beneficial work he still would have done cut off far too early. Who knows what more priceless information my files might have held had he lived longer.

He was working on a book on the history of Mormons and Utah from 1846 (the exodus from Nauvoo) to 1869 (the linking of the transcontinental railroad). They were turbulent times for Mormons and the territory. I hope he was far enough along for someone to utilize his work and finish it. It would have been the best, the most honest, history of that particular period yet.

No funeral ever moved me more, and I have spoken at six and attended many more of late years. Two brilliant, eloquent, sensitive historians spoke. A daughter, speaking as if she were in a family gathering, topped them both.

Funerals are usually not things to "wish you had been there." This one was. Friends though we were, I knew only the service of Gene Campbell. I know him much better now, and I always will be grateful.

Orem master-plan

Agency proposing land-use cl

OREM — The City Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Tuesday on a proposal to amend the city's land-use master plan for property on 13th South between Main Street and Fifth West.

The hearing will be in the City Council Chambers in the City Center, 56 N. State. City residents will be able to comment.

The Orem Redevelopment Agency has proposed change for the land-use designation of some property on 13th South from transitional and residential to a regional shopping designation.

The agency has asked that property on 13th South now zoned for residential development and community shopping

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

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Provo City Council

April 22, 1986, regular session, 7 p.m., City Council Chambers, 359 W. Center.

1. Opening ceremonies.
 - a. Invocation.
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - c. Arbor Day proclamation.
2. Approval of April 15, 1986, minutes.
3. Consent items.
 - Item 2 — Adoption of a street policy map for the Little Rock Canyon area.
 - Item 6 — Request to rezone property at 64 N. Seventh East from an R-2 (two-family residential) zone to an R-3 (medium-multiple residential) zone.
 - Item 8 — Request to rezone property at 1918 N. 150 East from R-3 to P-F (public facilities) zone.
 - Item 10 — Request to rezone property between 1150-1230 North and Third-Seventh West from a C-G (general commercial) zone to a P-F zone.
 - Item 11 — Request for vacation of First East between Center and First South.
 - Item 13 — Request to rezone property at 200 East Ninth South from a PIC (planned industrial commercial) zone to a P-F zone.
 - Item 14 — Rezoning of property located between 18th and 22nd South and I-15 and Seventh East from a PIC zone to a P-F zone.
4. Action agenda.
 - a. Request for an amendment of the street police map for the Grandview South area.
 - b. Ordinance amending Title 18 (solid waste management) of the revised ordinances of Provo City, 1964, by changing regulations applicable to conduct by the commercial haulers, private haulers and Provo City Corp. and by changing fees and charges with respect thereto.
 - c. Ordinance repealing existing grievance procedures and creating a Provo City Unclassified Civil Service Appeal Board and establishing management rules.
 - d. Granite Furniture access east to Third West.
 - e. Ordinance describing the boundaries of a "free customer parking area" and establishing rules for public parking therein.
 - f. Presentation of proposed 1987 budget.
5. Questions for the mayor.
6. Questions for the council.

Orem City Council

April 22, 1986, Work session: 6 p.m., conference room; regular meeting: 7 p.m., City Council Chambers, 56 N. State

WORK SESSION:

1. Review of agenda items.
2. Joint meeting — SCERA and City Council.

REGULAR SESSION:

Personal appearances:

1. Miss Orem Royalty
2. Time has been set aside for citizens to

Scheduled Items:

1. Discussion — Canyon Road.
 2. Set public hearing on amendment — State — May 13, 1986.
 3. Set public hearing on amendments — May 13.
 4. Resolution — Westmore Elementary.
 5. Motion — fountain design.
 6. Resolution — property.
- Public Hearing:
8 p.m. — Mast zoning — 13th South Fifth West.
- Communication:
Petition — Committee — Oppose property on Cart

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REGULAR SESSION

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